

**WORSHIP LEADERS - JANUARY**

*"Human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless efforts of men and women willing to be co-workers with God."*  
 –Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Letter from a Birmingham Jail, 1963

**From the Pastor**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Learning to be *co-workers with God* is what faith is all about. Like MLK believed, it means both discerning what God is doing in and among us, and seeking to participate in it.

+ Mary and Joseph discovered what it meant to be *God's co-workers* as they brought up the baby Jesus, protecting him from Herod, bringing him regularly to worship and conversation about the Torah in the temple.

+ In answering Jesus' call, "Follow me," the disciples also learn to become *Jesus' co-workers*: witnessing his teaching and healing and forgiveness first hand, following him to the cross and the empty tomb, and sharing the gospel in word and deed when he sends them out to neighboring towns in Judea and Samaria, and eventually to the ends of the earth.

+ The Apostle Paul also describes Timothy and several others, including women, as *co-workers in the gospel of Christ* (1 Thessalonians 3:2; Philip-pians 4:2-3).

In all these cases and many others in the bible, including the Old Testa-ment, people were *actively discerning what God was doing and seeking to become part of it*. Their worship, study, and social action went together: praising God for being the God of justice and compassion, becoming fluent in the stories of how God had acted in their life and history, and seeking to be part of God's *unfolding story* where they lived by witnessing to God's faithfulness, redemption, and love.

*Their calling is our calling as the church today.* I sometimes e-mail this quotation before we have our Free Neighborhood Breakfast, which has been in operation each month now for nine years. I also think about it when I reflect on the work of other organizations of which we are partners.

+ At the CHUM Holiday concert last month, director Lee Stuart thanked everyone who through financial gifts and volunteer support has helped to make the Steve O'Neil Apartments for the chronically homeless a reality. More than a dozen families moved in in mid-December, including 22 chil-dren - and two more on the way! - who won't be homeless now in this per-manent supportive housing initiative that is becoming a model for other communities.

+ Lutheran Social Services is complementing this effort with another build-ing project targeting the 150 homeless youth in Duluth. Called the Center for Changing Lives, the new facility will not only increase the capacity of LSS to provide emergency shelter but also centralize its services for youth

	<b>January 4</b>	<b>January 11</b>	<b>January 18</b>	<b>January 25</b>
<b>Organist</b>	Barb Erickson	Mary Garner	Worship Band	Stan Wold
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Tanner Hall	Kristin Hylenski	Linda Kalweit	Bob Kelley
<b>Sound Technician</b>	Rick Troy & Scott Ruzich	Steve Dalager & Scott Ruzich	Doug Maguire & Scott Ruzich	Rick Troy & Scott Ruzich
<b>Reader</b>	Cassie Borges	Nancy Gangeness	Alice Lahti	Kathleen Gates
<b>Acolytes</b>	Joey Peterson & Sam Winesett	Journey Amundson & Shameka Johnson	Molly Weberg & Shakira Johnson	Bryn Weberg & Raine Amundson
<b>Ushers</b>	Sandi Johnson & Carol Kelley	Mary Gagnon & Joan Gunderson	Ed & Colleen Martin	Wayne & Joann McCall
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Self Serve	Terri Erickson	Sherry Dalager	Stephanie Carlson
<b>Counters</b>	Mary Gagnon & Rod Dahlquist	Bob & Carol Kelley	Lubov Willms & Janine Dahlquist	David Gangeness & Rod Dahlquist
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Myrna Matheson	Nancy Gangeness	Eve Gathering	Church Council Annual Meeting/Pot Luck
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Brett Amundson & Munda Forbort	Brett Amundson & Carol Kelley	Brett Amundson & Craig Haugan	Brett Amundson & Barb Renick

**ALTAR GUILD for the Month of January is Pearl Johnson and Elaine Wickstrom**

so they can lead healthy, productive lives. Bishop Tom and others from Gloria Dei including Maury Aaseng, Carol Kelley, and Bob Niedringhaus are already involved in this initiative and will be helping us learn more about it and how we can be involved (see p. 10).

+ Each January, Gloria Dei celebrates Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Sunday, a particular day on which to recognize God's welcome of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons into full participation in the church. Although every Sunday is a welcoming Sunday, we set aside a day with other RIC churches around the ELCA on January 18, in celebrating God's gifts in these co-workers in the gospel. That day, we are pleased to have the Rev. Charlotte Franz, a retired UCC pastor, as our guest preacher, and Welcoming Ministries leading the adult forum.

+ The following day, January, 19, commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, you're invited to participate in the annual MLK march from the Washington Center to the DECC. Even over 50 years later, the words of Dr. King move us to recommitment and justice, to see racial disparities that exist in our nation, and to listen and cultivate relationships across lines that divide.

*How is God calling you to be a co-worker in the gospel?* This month, as we hold our Annual Meeting on January 25, we give thanks for God's work through the ministry of Gloria Dei. We give thanks for our council members and staff members, for leaders and volunteers of all kinds – in Gloria Dei's music, education, outreach, visitation, fellowship, stewardship, and witness.

This is a *partnership* – with God and with one another – by which all share in our ministry together. By virtue of our baptism into Christ, we are all co-workers with God through the power of the Holy Spirit who calls, gathers, and equips us for service in the world.

THANK YOU for your role as a co-worker with God in your life and our life together. Finally, my family and I wish to thank you for the Christmas cards, gifts, and well wishes during a very worshipful season. We give thanks for Gloria Dei and look forward to our ministry together in the New Year!

Yours in Christ,  
+ Pastor David Carlson

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK—JAN 25, 2015**  
The Annual Report will be available in the office in mid January, and will include reports from committees and ministries, as well as the 2015 Budget. Finished reports will be ready to pick up a week or more before the meeting, which will convene at 10:00 a.m. January 25, and resume after worship. Please read and bring your reports to the meeting.

**FINANCE REPORT THRU NOV 2014**

Needed per month \$16,500

per week \$3,807

Envelope Offerings

Budget, 11 months \$181,500

Actual, 11 months \$183,022 100.1%

Difference, *ahead* \$ 1,522



Our regular offering is a sign of worship and thanksgiving for all that God has done and continues to do. In our offering, we return to God a portion of what God has so graciously entrusted to us. THANK YOU for remembering your offering as a regular part of your worship!

**ONLINE GIVING** - At the web site ([www.gloriadeiduluth.org](http://www.gloriadeiduluth.org)), click on the "Donate Now" button for a convenient way, through automatic withdrawal or secure credit/debit card transactions, to support God's mission through Gloria Dei with a donation or monthly commitment. Make an offering from your smartphone by scanning this QR code, which will take you to our secure online giving site.

**SIMPLY GIVING** There's a way to give your weekly offering that's easy, that helps reduce the cost of envelopes, and that benefits Gloria Dei with knowing more consistently what the electronic giving amounts will be. It also can be easier for you with one less thing to do, and at the same time for people who like to place their gift in the offering plate can still do that, too. Laminated cards for people who give their offerings electronically will be provided in the church pews. It's our goal to increase the number by 50 families or individuals. Thank you. The Stewardship Committee

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

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| <p>1 ~ Per Amundson<br/>4 ~ Charles Ralph<br/>5 ~ Thomas Aitken<br/>5 ~ Paul Steklenski<br/>8 ~ Conrad Nelson<br/>11 ~ Sandi Johnson<br/>11 ~ Gary Olson<br/>14 ~ Lloyd Curtis<br/>14 ~ Colleen Martin<br/>14 ~ Paul Uecker</p> | <p>17 ~ Amanda Switzer<br/>18 ~ Nathan Winesett<br/>19 ~ Tim Raun<br/>24 ~ Kylie Dalager<br/>25 ~ Amber Olson<br/>25 ~ Oscar Velez-Crane<br/>29 ~ Myrna Matheson<br/>29 ~ Tom Uecker<br/>29 ~ Samuel Winesett<br/>30 ~ Jean Starkey</p> |
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### EVANGELISM - WITNESS

1) Proclaim God's saving Gospel of justification by grace for Christ's sake through faith alone, according to the apostolic witness in the Holy Scripture, preserving and transmitting the Gospel faithfully to future generations. 2) Carry out Christ's Great Commission by reaching out to all people to bring them to faith in Christ and by doing all ministry with a global awareness consistent with the understanding of God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all.

### THANK YOU RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

It takes \$1000 per month to fund our ongoing Radio Ministry. As of November 30, Radio Ministry has received \$9,468, about \$1500 below our budget needs. **THANK YOU** to all who sponsor broadcasts and give regularly throughout the year. Gifts in any amount continue to make this an important outreach.

### RADIO MINISTRY SINCE 1942

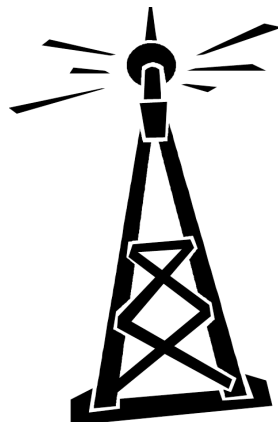
#### Become a friend of Gloria Dei Radio Ministry

- Worship with us on Sunday morning at 10:00.
- If you can't attend in person, listen to the live broadcast on AM 710 - WDSM Radio.
- Make a difference in our community by supporting Gloria Dei's Radio Ministry through your regular gifts, or as a special gift in memory or in honor of someone to recognize an event.
- Each Sunday broadcast costs \$230.
- Call the church office at 218-722-3381 to sponsor a Sunday and support the spread of the Gospel!

### WORSHIP STREAMING LIVE ON THE INTERNET

1. Listen live using Windows Media Player:  
Download Windows Media Player for best software interface with the audio stream.
2. After opening up the media player, type CTRL U (Hold down CTRL key, then press U key) which will open a new window asking for "URL."
3. To play live audio stream, copy and paste the following into the URL window:  
<http://24.158.26.190:17543>

*Note: you will only hear the live audio while the service is being broadcast, so if you are early just wait a few more minutes and try the link again*



### Sunday, January 4, 2015 Second Sunday of Christmas

*Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth. **Jeremiah 31:7–14, Psalm 147:12–20, Ephesians 1:3–14, John 1:[1–9] 10–18***

### Sunday, January 11, 2015 Baptism of Our Lord

*Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace. **Genesis 1:1–5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1–7, Mark 1:4–11***

### Sunday, January 18, 2015 Second Sunday after Epiphany

*All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just the clergy but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to the story of the vision of Jacob, who called the place of his vision "the house of God, and ... the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God. **1 Samuel 3:1–10 [11–20] Psalm 139:1–6, 13–181 Corinthians 6:12–20, John 1:43–51***

### Sunday, January 25, 2015 Third Sunday after Epiphany

*Stories of the call to discipleship continue as the Time after Epiphany plays out the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of fisherman brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people. **Jonah 3:1–5, 10, Psalm 62:5–12, 1 Corinthians 7:29–31, Mark 1:14–20***

**Join us for a look at the text for the next Sunday every Tuesday at 12 Noon in the Hillside Room. All are welcome!**

### ***Poinsettia on the Altar***

Two Poinsettias from Per & Elaine Wickstrom  
 In memory of Charlie Lufholm ~ from Family  
 In honor of Prayer Warriors ~ from Donna & Sonny  
 In memory of Gladys Phinney ~ from the Winesetts  
 In honor of Ebba Brooks ~ from Rick & Marcia Troy  
 In memory of Chet Brooks ~ from Rick & Marcia Troy  
 In memory of Rose & Joseph Gagnon ~ from Mary Gagnon & Gary Olson  
 In memory of Harold A. Bakke ~ from Ruth Bakke  
 In memory of Mary & Archie Wold ~ from Stan & Mona Wold  
 In memory of Peter & Mary Mobraaten ~ from Stan & Mona Wold  
 In honor of Ken, Marlaine & Lubov Willms ~ from Duane & Alison Stucke  
 In honor of Pastor David, Patti Maguire & Barb Erickson, who cared for Duane and Alison during and following his surgeries and in honor of all those who drove Duane to cardiac rehab ~ from Duane & Alison Stucke

### ***Building Renovation***

In memory of Shirley Dougherty ~ from Gloria Oja  
 In memory of Carl R. Wikblad ~ from Helen Wikblad  
 In memory of my parents ~ from Eldora Recksiedler  
 In memory of Harry Wick ~ from Alice Lahti

### ***CHUM/Gabriel Project***

In memory of Harold A. Bakke ~ from Ruth Bakke

### ***God's Global Barnyard***

In honor of Bob and Brenda Lufholm ~ From Kathy Wimer

### ***Ingrian Lutheran Church of Russia***

In honor of the Carlson's ~ from Paul Steklenski and Linda Kalweit  
 In honor of our parents ~ from Pastor David & Stephanie Carlson

### ***LSS Center for Changing Lives***

In honor of my family ~ from Kathy Wimer

### ***Neighborhood Breakfast***

In memory of Harold A. Bakke ~ from Ruth Bakke  
 In memory of John Mobraaten ~ from Stan & Mona Wold  
 In honor of the Lew family ~ from Ed & Colleen Martin  
 In memory of our parents ~ from Will & Sharon Stenberg

### ***New Technology-Radio Advancement***

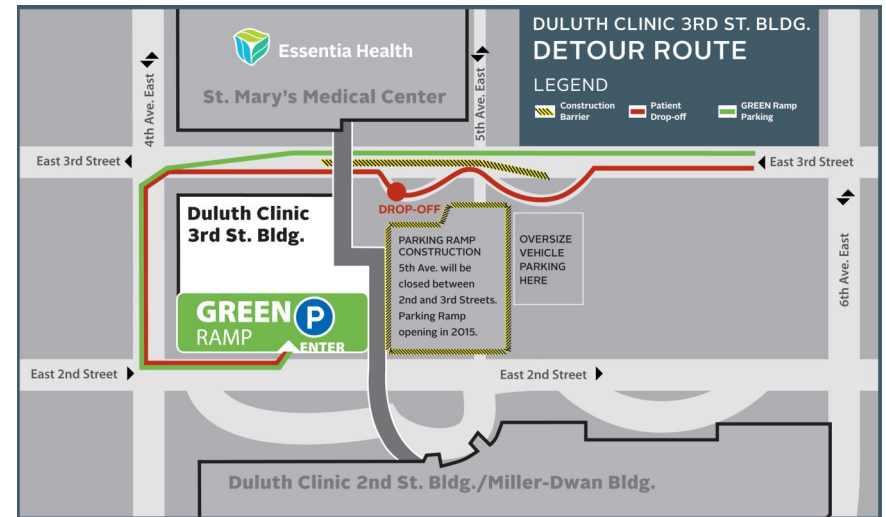
From Mary Savolainen

### ***Radio Ministry***

In memory of Edward M. Peterson ~ from Lil Peterson

### ***Youth Fund***

In memory of Chet Brooks ~ from Rick & Maria  
 In honor of Per & Elaine Wickstrom & Steve  
 & Sherry Dalager ~ from Tom & Carol Uecker  
 In memory of Michael Laird ~ from Wayne & Joann McCall



### **ESSENTIA PARKING & TRAFFIC FLOW**

You have probably seen the signs and the temporary barrier on 3rd Street, beginning Dec 15, with a traffic detour for hospital patient drop-off. This map shows Essentia's new parking ramp and plans for demolishing the old one and constructing an additional ramp. It also shows a permanent closure of 5th Avenue East between 2nd and 3rd Streets where the new ramp will be built.

What are the implications for us as Essentia's neighbors? While we still have generous access to adjacent lots on Saturdays and Sundays, on weekdays during the day parking and traffic will be extra tight, especially with snow piles. Alley traffic is also two-way with the alley closed on one end. Please limit weekday parking in the church lot to church activities, or be in touch with the church office. Thanks for your help in supporting ministry during the week in and through our building!

**KEY INVENTORY** – Please help re-create a complete list of church keys among our members. If you currently have a metal key to access the church or specific rooms for ministry, please show it to Karen Kjolhaug or Donna in the church office so it can be signed out again (or returned if no longer needed). This is not a recall, just an inventory to help ensure both access and security – with much appreciation for everyone's ministry in and through these walls!

**FACEBOOK AND WEB SITE**—Please check out two Gloria Dei sites: GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH - DULUTH (like our page—most postings done here) and GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH (friend us). Our web site is also updated monthly: [www.gloriadeiduluth.org](http://www.gloriadeiduluth.org).



**PRESIDING BISHOP EATON’S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I recall this image from my home congregation: A banner depicting Mary and Jesus in the manger and the backlit silhouette of the cross cast over this scene. It was jarring. The cross on Christmas? I didn’t like it.



Christmas can carry so much emotional freight. We must be merry and filled with good cheer. We are driven to get everything perfect by the stroke of midnight on Christmas Eve. We are filled with wistful longing. But what are we longing for?

We long for peace, love and a place to belong. We want to know that someone cares. We want the assurance that all of this means something. And, we try to bring that all about in the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The hope of Christmas was fulfilled on Good Friday. The cross is part of Christmas. “Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you” (What Child Is This?). The cross is the Christmas gift, where all of our Christmas glorias are realized in Jesus’ glorification on the cross.

We don’t have to get everything completely right. We can’t. That’s God’s work and it has been done. So, good Christian friends, rejoice!

Peace,  
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**DRAFT DIRECTORY** - A revised copy of the church directory will be made available in the Hillside Room after worship until Feb 8. If you are one of our homebound members, or haven’t yet checked your contact information in the draft copy, please call Donna in the office (722-3381) and give her the necessary changes. Thank you. New paper directories will be available in February.

**RENOVATION FUND GOAL REACHED!** – Many thanks to all who have generously supported the Renovation Fund these past several weeks above their regular offerings – we have met and surpassed our goal of \$10,000 to complete the consulting work and produce options for possible renovation phases – thanks be to God! A fuller report is anticipated at the Annual Meeting. Additional Renovation Fund receipts will support the proposed projects for enhancing Gloria Dei’s ministry.

**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**  
*Worship God in proclamation of the Word and administration of the sacraments and through lives of prayer, praise, thanksgiving, witness, and service.*

**THANK YOU** to all who worked so hard to make this Christmas season so meaningful.

- Daphne & Brett Amundson, Sherry & Steve Dalager for directing and leading the music for our Sunday School Christmas program. Thanks to Marianne Kjolhaug, Karen Kjolhaug, Shari Olson, and Patti Maguire for new costumes for the Sunday School Christmas Program. Thanks to all the parents of Sunday schoolers who helped shepherd and costume everyone for our Saturday practice and Sunday program. A big thanks to them and other Sunday School leaders, and especially the children who sang the songs, extra musicians Lubov Willms and Martha Carlson, the narrators and readers, and holy family Rachelle, Dianna, and Mason. The tradition of retelling the Nativity Story by the children is heartfelt year after year.
- The choir, director Stan Wold and our organists Mary Garmer and Barb Erickson deserve our thanks for their dedication and beautiful music throughout the season. Thanks to special musicians Brandon Dahlquist and Caitlan Taylor on Dec 28.
- One Bread, our worship band, continues to enhance our worship—thanks all of you!
- Sound and radio technicians got the Word out; thank you.
- Our tree this year was a gift from Paul Steklenski and Linda Kalweit through Duluth’s Farmer’s Market. Thanks to them and also to Bob Forbort for decorating the tree.
- The Altar Guild for their dedication especially during the extra services, and Karen Kjolhaug for creating the beautiful O Antiphons banner.
- The church was warm and the walks were clear thanks to Karen, Paul, and Scott.
- Also, thanks to all who participated and planned the special Santa Lucia event December 14: Helen Wikblad and Elaine Wickstrom for organizing, Daphne Amundson for re-telling the story of Lucia, Paul S. for making cardamom buns, Donna Gerdes for sewing new costumes, Molly Weberg for her role as Lucia, Sunday school teachers and all the children for their preparation and attentiveness!



**SAMARITAN SUNDAY, Jan 4** – Thanks for remembering: 1) canned food items to help replenish the CHUM Food Shelf, which are brought forward as part of our offering. 2) Our loose cash offering on the first Sunday has for several years gone to the Gabriel Fund, a ministry started by Gloria Dei and other Central Hillside parishes and managed through CHUM, for direct assistance to the needy.

**WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP AT EDGEWOOD VISTA, Jan 7** - Each month, Gloria Dei conducts a service and fellowship time at a senior residential home. This month, Chaplain Patti Maguire is leading worship service on Wednesday, Jan 7 at 1:00 with fellowship following. All are welcome to join us.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL, Jan 7** - Monthly on the 1st Wednesday each month at 7:30. The choir also rehearses each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. For more information, contact Stan Wold, Director of Music, 728-5925.

**ONE BREAD, Jan 18** - Thanks to One Bread, our worship band, for accompanying worship once a month. The next Sunday planned is January 18, with the “God Give Us Life” liturgy by Ray Makeever. Other Sundays, the liturgy will be accompanied with organ, piano, and choir. We thank God for the gifts of all musicians at Gloria Dei!

#### MINISTRY OF DISCIPLESHIP

*Nurture members in the Word of God so as to grow in faith and hope and love, to see daily life as the primary setting for the exercise of our Christian calling, and to use our gifts of the spirit for our life together and for our calling in the world.*

**INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL, Jan 4** — “Holy Parables!” Jesus taught in parables, hearing events in which God’s kingdom breaks into our minds and hearts with surprising grace. Join us once a month for singing, bible dramas, crafts and conversations across the generations that will focus on parables. In January, we’re focusing on parables about how the kingdom of God welcomes everyone in—like a net or a banquet. With Epiphany coming, we’ll also tell the story of the Magi and how God’s promise in Jesus is for people of all nations. See you there!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** resumes on Sunday January 4 at 8:45. See above.

and emergency housing for youth experiencing homelessness; ten units of longer-term, supportive housing; a free teen clinic; and space for our services aimed at helping young people avoid homelessness in the first place.

Please join us as we change lives and end youth homelessness in Duluth! Your financial and volunteer support are needed to help create a special place for youth to move forward into happy, stable and productive lives. Gloria Dei members Bishop Tom & Beckie Aitken issued a matching challenge of up to \$1000 toward the Center for Changing Lives, and as of this mailing \$500 has been raised—a wonderful start! Thanks for keeping homeless youth in your prayers as this project gets underway.

**O’NEIL APARTMENTS OPEN OPPORTUNITIES** - In mid-December, CHUM welcomed the first families into the Steve O’Neil Apartments. Those who were chronically homeless now have permanent supportive housing. Churches have several opportunities to help families living at the O’Neil apartments: volunteers are needed to help move in residents, provide child care, prepare a meal for the residents, teach a class, or take children/families to low-cost but fun recreational opportunities around Duluth. Volunteer info and sign up can be found at <http://www.chumduluth.org/steveoapts.htm>.

**RUBY’S PANTRY, Jan 15** - Ruby’s Pantry-Coppertop distributes food at First United Methodist Church (the Coppertop Church) 230 East Skyline Parkway, Duluth on the third Thursday of every month. For \$20.00 those purchasing a share will receive approximately two large boxes of food. Cash only, no checks or EBT cards accepted. There is no “typical” food order and contents of a share vary depending upon what food is available to Ruby’s Pantry at the time. You will need to bring your own boxes (laundry baskets work very well). There are no income guidelines. The Pantry operates from 5:30-7:00 pm. We depend upon volunteers to help with the distribution process. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please call First Methodist Church at 727-5021 or talk with Sue Anderson.



**TAX SITE HELP WANTED.** We could use some more volunteer help at Gloria Dei in helping prepare tax returns and/or reviewing returns. This would allow us to be more flexible setting our schedule and allow volunteers more flexibility in the time they might be available. It also would help us be more compliant with AARP rules which want us to have at least two preparers at each site. Training takes place in December or January and usually involves 1 or 2 days. If you think you can help or want more information, contact Tom Uecker, 525-4173.

## CLAYTON, JACKSON, MCGHIE TABLE FOR 8

By Maury Aaseng, Service & Justice chair

The Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial (CJMM) will host a fundraising dinner on March 28, 2015. The event is titled Honoring the Past, Building the Future and will be held at the Greysolon Ballroom. It will honor Claudie Washington, a veteran and local activist who spearheaded the building of the Central Hillside Community Center.

The Memorial's namesake comes from the 1920 lynching victims in Duluth. CJMM has been recognized as being a force for racial justice and change in Duluth, being given the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Mission and Excellence Award for Anti-Racism Initiative in 2009, and in 2010 was nominated for the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation's Touchstone Award.

Funds raised will support scholarship endowments and the volunteer board, which hosts workshops, in-services for the community, and guided tours/lectures/discussions of the Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial and the events surrounding it.

Gloria Dei is putting together a "Table of 8" for the fundraising dinner March 28, with a suggested donation of \$50 per person. [Sign up by January 18th to reserve a seat](#) at what will certainly be an inspiring event. For more information, speak to Maury Aaseng (464-0189) from the Service & Justice Team or Pastor Carlson.

## LSS CENTER FOR CHANGING LIVES DULUTH

On any given night there are 120-150 homeless youth in the Duluth area. Young people are homeless for many reasons, ranging from aging out of the foster care system at 18, living situations involving unstable family dynamics. These aren't scary kids, they're scared kids!

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota is creating a new place for youth in our community, and we're excited to share it with you. Our new Center for Changing Lives Duluth will bring together our services for at-risk and homeless youth. Working with our community, we truly have a shot at ending homelessness for youth in our community. Each year, more than 600 young people receive services from LSS across Duluth. The Center will bring together transitional and permanent subsidized housing, counseling services, life-skills development, education support, mentoring and more under one roof. The Center will include ten units of transitional



**ADULT FAITH FORUM** – All are welcome to join us at 8:45 in the Hillside Room before worship.

Jan 4 - Intergenerational Sunday School, see above

Jan 11 - "Missional Church" Conversation with Pastor David

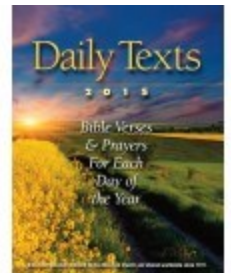
Jan 18 - RIC Sunday with Welcoming Ministries

Jan 25 - "We are Church Together" - Our connections with the North-eastern MN Synod and ELCA

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS, Jan 3, 17 and 31.** In addition to discipleship practices of worship, prayer, and service, our youth confirmation program will focus on Luther's *Small Catechism* and faith practices. *We meet every other Saturday from 9:00-10:30 a.m.* All families with students in grades 7 & up are welcome—please speak to Pastor Dave.

**RELIGION AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE, Jan 21** - 8 a.m. at Valentin's (London Rd). Through the College of St. Scholastica, Pastor Carlson facilitates a monthly discussion group in the community on the topic of Religion and Science. The group is lively and engaging and connects our readings with current events and daily life. Newcomers are welcome! For January, we're reading selections from *God and Evolution* edited by Mary Cunningham (2007).

**DAILY TEXTS** Daily Texts is a devotional book in paperback with Bible verses and prayers for every day of the year. Published by Mt. Carmel Lutheran Ministries of Alexandria, MN, it is modeled after the Moravian Daily Texts. Each day has a selected text from the Old Testament, New Testament and a prayer for the day. The Moravian Church, with which the ELCA has a close relationship, has been selecting these texts annually and sharing them worldwide since 1731. Gloria Dei Council members have been using these texts for devotions at home and also for council and committee meetings; they are a wonderful resource for reflecting on scripture passages daily. [Each 2015 paperback book costs \\$6.50](#) and available for purchase after worship on Sunday or call Donna at the church office 722-3381.



**SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE LUTHERAN MAGAZINE** - are available at a discounted rate through the church office. \$12.00 per year. Renewals are due by January 1. If you are interested in receiving a subscription or renewing a subscription, please call the church office at 722-3381.

**FELLOWSHIP— "KOINONIA"**

*Manifest the unity given to the people of God by living together in the love of Christ and by joining with other Christians in prayer and action to express and preserve the unity which the Spirit gives.*

**GLORIA DEI QUILTERS** - will meet on Tuesday January 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lakeside Room. New comers are welcome. No sewing experience necessary. For questions, call Marianne Kjolhaug at 722-1493.



**BOOK CLUB** will meet in Monday January 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room. The chosen book for January will be "The Light Between Oceans" by M.L. Stedman.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR VALENTINES DAY PARTY** - Saturday Feb 14, from 12-2 in the Hillside Room. We will have a picnic style lunch and Terrance Smith will join us for music and dancing. To help with the days events, contact Carol Kelley 525-6098.

**THANK YOU** - We are very grateful for the acknowledgement and support of our church family. It has meant so much to be a part of such a wonderful church where we can be ourselves and raise our family in God's loving Word. Thank you for the homemade blankets both our children received and the gift from the WELCA. Also, it was very special to us to be a part of the Christmas Program this year, what an honor. May God Bless everyone this holiday season and we look forward to what God has planned for the coming year. Again, Thank you and may His angels watch over you.  
Rachelle, Dianna, Mekenna, and Mason

**+LIFE'S LANDMARKS+**

*Funeral* Dec 16, Elsie Rothman

**MINISTRY OF SERVICE**

*Purpose: Serve in response to God's love to meet human needs, caring for the sick and the aged, advocating dignity and justice for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, and standing with the poor and the powerless and committing to their needs.*

**SOAP SOAP SOAP** - WELCA is collecting soap again. The soap will be distributed by Lutheran World Relief to those in need of this life essential. You can give wrapped bars of soap and place them in boxes located in the Narthex or the Lakeside room. Thank you!

**NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST, Jan 24 - HAPPY 9TH ANNIVERSARY!**

All are welcome to join us for our free fourth Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast on Saturday, January 24, from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Hillside Room.

**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT** - Patti Maguire

As usual, December was a very busy month with all the preparations for Christmas even as we try to calmly prepare our hearts during Advent. I hope your holiday season was merry and bright.

Gloria Dei is blessed with a devoted Care Team who continue to call, visit and bring communion to our home bound members. This time of year is especially important to keep those contacts. Thank you, Care Team, for your loving hearts and dedicated ministry.

On December 9th I had the opportunity to hear Sr Pauline Micke at the CSS Monastery speak on the "Spirituality of Paul" as she presented to the pastors in our area. She led us through Paul's letters and reinforced his understanding of God's love in Christ Jesus. See me if you would like a copy of the notes.

Early in December we worshiped with our friends at King Manor month and enjoyed some Holiday treats and Christmas singing. On January 7th we'll be at the Edgewood Vista chapel at 1 PM for a communion service. In February we visit our friends at St Ann's. Please join us if you'd like; call me if you need a ride.

Statistics and final counts are being gathered during this time of year. Please see the Annual Report for a review of my activities in 2014. I'll be glad to answer any questions you might have at the Annual Meeting.

My prayers for you and your families are for good health, good friends, and peace in our world in 2015.

**CARE TEAM MEETING** - January 18, 11:30 in the Lakeside Room. This will be our annual memorial meeting and review of the Care Team mission. New members are invited to attend.

**HEALTH RESOLUTIONS for the NEW YEAR**

- 1) Increase physical activity ~ MOVE more
- 2) Work toward a healthy weight ~ [www.healthyweightnetwork.com](http://www.healthyweightnetwork.com)
- 3) Tobacco use ~ STOP smoking for your own health and those around you
- 4) Public health ~ WASH your hands, get vaccinated, stay home if sick

